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Both wear good Clothing, but they do not buy them so Cheap as we are selling Our Custom-made Suits.

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All $6.00, 6.50, 7.00 and 7.50 Suits
- - **$5.00.**

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All $13.00, 13.50, 14.00 and 15.00 Suits
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THESE ARE ALL NEW AND STYLISH SUITS . . .

And are cheaper than were ever offered in North Texas Call early and get a good fit.

We also carry a very large stock of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Millinery, etc., that must be sold.

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First Door south Melton's Grocery Store.
McKinney, Texas.

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Will Hill made a trip to the country last Friday.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Ollie White, of Wylie, a boy and a girl.

Walter B. Wilson was in Farmersville on business Friday.

Dr. Ben Throckmorton returned from a trip to the Indian Territory last week.

Jerry Magner sustained a painful accident by a nail entering his foot.

Subscribe for THE DEMOCRAT to send to your friends. It will give the local news.

THE DEMOCRAT rises to repeat the famous tomb-stone expression "We are here to stay."

A years subscription to THE DEMOCRAT for a friend would be a nice Xmas gift.

W. P. Gibson of Sherman was killed by a vicious Jersey bull last week.

Our merchants are clearing up their show windows preparatory to displaying their holiday wares.

Tom Shumate was acquitted in Sherman last week of the murder of Hugh Fuller.

Miss Ona Cameron has been seriously ill for eight or ten days past.

THE DEMOCRAT has been the recipient of many compliments for its nonpartisan write-up of our county officials last week.

W. S. McDuffiie, after a few days visit to his daughter, Mrs. F. C. Thompson, returned to Sherman Friday.

Friday morning, after a week's unusually mild temperature, an old-fashioned Texas norther paid us not an unwelcome visit.

T. M. Wilson, the hog man, was in our office recently. He says that his fine hogs are doing nicely since McKinley's election.

With the aid of 60c on subscription and a very industrious kind wife, ye editor enjoyed a nice turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day.

Bradley Childress and bride passed through McKinney last week en route to their home at Rhea Mill.

The holidays are fast approaching. Merchants should not fail to place their ads before THE DEMOCRAT's readers.

Harry Oliver has accepted a position in a Ft. Worth flouring mill. Harry is a jolly young fellow and has many friends here.

There is considerable complaint about a few salaried gentlemen who make no effort to pay their debts. Our business men are often made the victim of these drones.

James Skipper of Heardsville was buried at Princeton Friday. The deceased succumbed to his fatal illness in two days after being stricken, he having been in McKinney only a few days previous to his death—another exemplification of the Divine assertion, "In the midst of life we are in death."

The Queen Esther circle of the King's daughters will have a bazaar in the building formerly formerly occupied by T. M. McDaniel, next door to the Collin County National bank to-morrow (Friday) afternoon and evening, Dec. 4, 1896. Refreshments will be served at a small price. Everybody attend. The proceeds to be used for the benefit of the poor and distressed.

Judge Dillard convened district court in Rockwall on the 26th ult. having been detained here in court. Some attorneys doubt the legality of the matters tried, inasmuch as it was not convened on the day named in court. Judge Dillard says under the present arrangement, once in about every seven years the last week of court in McKinney and the first week of the same tribunal in Rockwall conflict.

Constipation

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Our Dress Goods, Woolen Goods, Hats and Shoes at a

BIG REDUCTION.

We mean business.
Our Stock is TOO LARGE;
And we need the Cash.

Come and Share The Grand Bargains!

We will open our

Christmas Goods This Week.

COME AND SEE THEM.

You can't find such good Goods for So Small a price as at the

The Racket Store.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Bonds of County Officials approved, With Bonds and Bondsmen.

The commissioners' court met Tuesday as per adjournment on the 13th inst. finished its business and finally adjourned yesterday until the second Monday in February. At the session this week the court allowed accounts, approved Treasurer Oates' final report, made ex-officio allowances and appointed J. H. Work constable, precinct No. 6, instead of Mr. Horn, who resigned to accept the riding deputyship under Sheriff Coffey. Bonds of the new county officials were approved as follows:

M. G. Abernathy, judge, $2000; bondsmen—G. E. Abernathy, W. T. Beverly W. M. Abernathy T. F. Mangum. Co. Atty., $2500; bondsmen—R. C. White, H. C. Herndon, H. L. Davis. W. S. Coffey, sheriff, $10,000; bondsmen—J. L. Franklin, John S. McKinney, G. H. Lucas, Joe McKinney, J. L. Moulden, J. P. Crouch, J. L. White, O. Davis, T. B. Wilson, Jesse Shain. J. A. Walden, Clerk, $10,000, bondsmen—J. W. Baker, J. P. Nenny, C. L. Young, T. B. Wilson. E. R. Hall, Dis. clerk $5000; bondsmen—R. R. Rambo, Jesse Shain, A. M. Wilson, John Hall. J. C. Saunders, treasurer, $124,169; bondsmen—J. C. Connor, W. A. Moyers, E. N. McAulay, J. P. Dowell, T. M. Scott, J. L. White, J. W. St Clair, S. O. Scott, T. C. Goodner, T. B. Goodner. A. W. Knighton, tax collector, $110,826.38; bondsmen—W. H. Butts, M. D. Sowell, C. T. Tatum, J. C. Hubbard, S. C. Bale, E. H. Pendleton. A. H. Neathery, L. E. Bumpass, W. P. Honaker, W. J. Aston, J. M. Honaker, R. E. Rike, R. Murchison, J. S Hendrix, W. S. Aston, H. D. Honaker, G. W. Rike, W. H. Holsonbake, E. N. McAulay, T. B. Wilson, Mattie Bale, T. C. Goodner, J. L. White, S. C. Bale, F. E. P. Shrader, assessor, $5000; bondsmen—J. Hand, M. I. Clark, W. B. Smith, W. R. Mathers, J. R. Gough, F. E. Wilcox. W. W. Shepherd, superintendent of schools, $5000; bondsmen—T. F. Butler, J. C. Stone, J. A. Evans, J. A. Rogers, W. M. Shirley, surveyor, $10,000; bondsmen—T. E Shirley, A. L. Shirley, L. A. Scott.

"Happened to see your wife on a wheel yesterday. If I remember, I heard you declare that you would never allow her to ride." "Yes, I know. But she had a chance to trade off her pug dog for a wheel, and I thought I would choose the least evil."—Indianapolis Journal.

The Dog Under the Wagon.

"Come wife," said good old farmer Gray,
"Put on your things, 'tis market day,
And we'll be off to the nearest town,
There and back ere the sun goes down."
Spot? No, we'll leave old Sbot behind,
But Spot he barked and Spot he whined,
And soon made up his doggish mind
TO FOLLOW UNDER THE WAGON.

Away they went at a good round pace,
And joy came into the farmer's face,
"Poor Spot," said he, "did want to come,
But I'm awful glad he's left at home—
He'll guard the barn and guard the cot,
And keep the cattle out of the lot."
"I'm not so sure of that," thought Spot,
THE DOG UNDER THE WAGON.

The farmer all his produce sold
And got his pay in yellow gold;
Home through the lonely forest. Hark!
A robber springs from behind a tree;
"Your money or else your life," says he;
The moon was up, but he didn't see
THE DOG UNDER THE WAGON.

Spot ne'er barked and spot ne'er whined
But quickly caught the thief behind;
He dragged him down in the mire and dirt,
And tore his coat and tore his shirt,
Then held him fast on the miry ground,
The robber uttered not a sound,
While his hands and feet the farmer bound
AND TUMBLED HIM INTO THE WAGON.

So Spot he saved the farmer's life,
The farmer's money, the farmer's wife,
And now a hero grand and gray,
A silver collar he wears to-day;
Among his friends, among his foes—
And everywhere his master goes—
He follows on his horny toes,
THE DOG UNDER THE WAGON.
—THE ADVANCE.

Old Santa Claus
Wholesale dealer in
Dolls, Doll Buggies, Iron and Tin Toys Tops, Picture Books, Albums, Holiday Presents for Old and Young.
Located in McKinney at
CHAS. BUSH'S Book Store.

Holiday trade is opening up—a fact appreciated by both the merchants and little folk.

J. W. Asbury is enlarging his stock of furniture to keep pace with the demands of his growing trade.

After a prolonged siege of fever Miss Addie Bailey is slowly convalescing.

Miss Willie Bagley was the guest of her friend, Miss Williams, in the Higgins community, several days last week.

Dave Runnion has accepted the foremanship on the Farmersville Times. Dave is a member of the McKinney band and is ever ready for a serenade.

County Attorney Mangum looked after legal matters in Farmersville Friday.

Jno. G. Davis paid Gainesville and neighboring points a visit the latter part of last week on a business errand.

Lem Lewis, an energetic west Collin farmer, went down to Houston Friday on business.

Assistant county attorneys H. L. Davis and R. H. Mangum attended justice's court in Blue Ridge Friday.

Wm. Allen shipped two car loads of hogs to the Ft. Worth market Wednesday of last week. Also on same date R. C. Whisenant of Allen sent in two carloads to the same market.

DIED—Jacob Grisham, aged 79, died at his home seven miles south of McKinney on the Hill & Sparlin place on Tuesday Nov. 24, 1896. The remains were interred in the Elm Grove cemetery.

J. B. Foy has rented his farm five miles east of town to Robt. Steele and is moving to Climax, where he will open up a general merchandise stock in the store house formerly occupied by J. G. Osborne.

The norther last Friday morning came just before day-light and found the editor thinly clad to receive the newsboy "with as much "enthusiasm" as we did the late "free silver victory" which came from the same direction.

Carpenters are reflooring the old Gullett building on West Louisiana street now owned by Capt. R. W. Carpenter. We understand that Parlin & Orendorff Co. will remove their stock of implements from the adjoining Heard building to this property about Jan. 1st.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.* is on every wrapper.

About 3300 head of cattle are being fed in McKinney for the market as follows: Shain & Hill 800, Oil Mill Co. 900, and Messrs. Ashbrook, of Bellvue, and Myers, of Henrietta, 800 each. The cattle are fed on a mixture of cotton seed hulls and cotton seed meal and seem to fatten very satisfactorily. From 12 to 20 men are given steady employment in feeding and caring for these herds.

"The corn crop on our lands is fully one-half short of a full yield this year" remarked S. D. Heard to a DEMOCRAT reporter Saturday. Mr. Heard is a member of Heard Bros., a firm owning extensive farming lands in various parts of Collin county and consequently his observations on the corn crop may be relied on as practically true for the county at large with reference to this important product of our section. In some spots, however, the yield is much better, but as before stated we think Mr. Heard approximated very closely the true estimate for the county as a whole.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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Swinebreeders Notice.

McKinney, Tex., Nov. 27, '96.

The Collin County Swinebreeders association will meet in McKinney on the 1st Monday in December. Regular time for election of officers. Let every member attend.

J. S. DOWELL Chrm.
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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Childers-Stanford Nuptials.

Climax, Tex., Nov. 26, '96.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. C. Stanford, last evening at 4 p. m., Miss Jimmie Stanford and Mr. Bradley Childers, of Rheas Mill, were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. Webster Horton officiating. Mr. Lafayette Horton and Miss Leva Duke, Mr. Will Stanford and Miss Cora Caldwell were the attendants. After a beautiful and impressive ceremony, and congratulations we were invited into the dining room to partake of the sumptuous feast prepared by skillful adepts in the culinary art.

The bride is well known in our community as a sweet, lovable young lady, and the groom is a noble hearted gentleman, one of Rheas Mill's genial merchants.

Miss Stanford will be sadly missed by her many friends, but our loss is Rheas Mill's gain, where she goes to make her future home.

May their pathway through life be strewn with flowers of richest fragrance.

Bring flowers, fresh flowers, for the bride to wear;
They were born to blush in her shining hair.
She is leaving the home of her childhood's mirth;
She has bid farewell to her father's hearth
Her place is now by another's side;
Bring flowers, sweet flowers, for the fair young bride.

HAZEL EYES.

Holmes' Evil Eye

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Howard Perkins, superintendent of Moyamensing prison, who committed suicide by shooting himself, the murderer, during his incarceration in Moyamensing prison and superintended the arrangements for the hanging. Superstitious persons are speaking of him as another victim of the arch criminal's evil eye.

Linford L. Bilss, foreman of the jury that convicted Holmes, was killed by electricity. Dr. Matton of Philadelphia, who was a witness against Holmes, died suddenly. Mrs. Anna Harvey of Chicago, who lived in "Holmes' castle," committed suicide. The girl to whom Mr. Rotan (of Holmes' council) was engaged died suddenly. At least a dozen who were interested in the conviction of Holmes have met with death, accidents or misfortune.

Copeville Cullings.

Nov. 23, '96.

Copeville has quieted down to its even tenor since the election and business is resuming.

Eli Fields who sold out his farm to Mr. Proctor, has bought out J. W. Hornbuckle and Mr. Fields and Proctor are making new improvements on their respective places.

The young folks are having a treat at old Copeville school house in the way of a good singing school.

Our school has commenced at old Copeville school house, being taught by Prof. Whitesides.

W. T. Thompson is all smiles now. A baby girl arrived at his home Thursday night.

Farmers are clearing up their ground and plowing for a new crop. Wheat is looking fine.

Two of our enterprising farmers left this week for Rosenberg to purchase land in that vicinity.

We hear that W. H. Woolery of Grayson county was down in Collin this week trying to rent a place for another year. This is Mr. Woolery's old home.

SCRIBBLER.

Johnson's Belladonna Plaster
CURES
WOMAN'S PAINS

by touching the SPOT

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shates Lung Troubles, Debility, distressing stomach and female ills, and is noted for making nurses when all other treatment fails. Every mother and invalid should have it.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists

HINDERCORNS The only sure Cure for Corns. Stops all pain. Makes walking easy. 15c. at Druggists.

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PENNYROYAL PILLS
Original and Only Genuine.
SAFE, always reliable. LADIES ask Druggist for *Chichester's English Diamond Brand* in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations. At Druggists, or send 4c. in stamps for particulars, testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Name Paper.
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EXCURSION TICKETS will be on sale December 21st and 22nd from H. & T. C. Stations to points in Ala., Miss., Tenn., Ky., Georgia, North and South Carolina, Va. and Fla. at one fare for the Round Trip. Tickets good 30 days. Purchase your tickets via Houston and New Orleans.

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The Most Powerful Cyclone Ever Heard of in This Country will Startle

The Business Portion of McKinney, Saturday, December 5.

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MONEY SAVING CLEARING SALE

Ever inaugurated before in McKinney. Why? Because it is not a Bankrupt Sale of old shelf worn goods, but every dollar's worth of goods in our house are brand new and the Latest Styles. We do not want to carry over a dollar's worth of fall and winter Goods.

We have the goods and we need the money for them. Don't expect us to quote prices on everything as this space is not large enough .PROFIT and Cost will not break the way to a trade. Our watch word will be to SELL. This Sale will begin promptly at 8 o'clock Saturday morning Dec. 5, and will close Thursday eve, December 24.

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Clothing, Clothing.

The Prices on CLOTHING and OVERCOATS - - -

WILL BE ALMOST CUT IN TWO.

Men's Work Suits only $2. worth 3.50

Men's Nice all-wool Suits only $4.95. Worth $8. and $10.

Men's Fine worsted Suits from $6. to $10. worth $10 to 15.

Men's Fancy worsted Suits $10.00 to 12.50, worth 15 and 20.

Children's Suits from 50c to 4.00.

Men's JEANS PANTS, EVERY PAIR WARRANTED NOT TO RIP, only 50c, 75c and $1.00.

A Big Stock of

Overcoats and ... Mackintoshes.

THEY MUST BE SOLD!

Dress Goods. - -

We still have too many Dress Goods, hence Prices will be slaughtered unmercifully in this Department.

Half wool Worsted only 7 1-2c worth 12 1-2c.
Half wool double width Henrietta only 12 1-2c
All wool Novelty Dress Goods 25c worth 40c.

A beautiful line of - - Novelty Dress Goods

For 50c worth 75c. We cut the price just HALF in two on ALL OF OUR HIGH NOVELTY Dress Patterns running in price $16.50 $20, 22,50 and 25.

Just divide these prices by two and take them, Don't miss sale, if you want a fine Dress!

DRESS-GOODS!

Shoes, Shoes - - -

We have the Largest Stock of Shoes in McKinney and Every Pair Of Heavy Boots and Shoes MUST BE SOLD.

Men's Heavy grain plow Shoes only 75c.
Men's nice Sunday Shoes in Lace or Congress for $1.00
Men's Fine Calf Shoes from 1.50 to 2.50.
Men's Good Heavy Boots only 1.25 worth 1.50.
Boys Boots from 75c to 1.25.
Ladies every day Shoes only 50c worth 1.00.
Ladies button Kid Shoes only 75c.
Children's Shoes from 25c up.

A General List of Bargains.

Misses and Children's Union Suits only 40c worth 50c.
Misses and Children's wool Union Suits only 75c worth 1.00.
Dr. Denton's Sleeping Garments for children only 75c.
Ladies Union Suits only 50c worth 75c.

THE GREATEST CAPE SALE ON RECORD.

Ladies Capes from 1.50 to 18.00.
Prices almost cut in two on all fine capes.
Our Millinery Department is Loaded with New Goods.
Every Hat must be Sold at some Price in this Sale.

Come and see us.
We want your trade; we need it.
Please don't disappoint us.

Trade with the Kentucky Store and you will get a nice present

With Every $2. worth of Goods bought from us we have GIVEN AWAY hundreds of Presents this Fall. Why Don't You Come and Get One?
Just Follow the BIG CROWDS to that BUSY STORE.

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KENTUCKY ...STORE C. L. YOUNG POSTOFFICE CORNER. - - -

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Our line is complete but in this limited space we can only ask you to call and see us before purchasing. Thanks for past favors and will try to merit your future business,

9 and 11 East Louisiana Street.

-- J. P. DOWELL --

THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1896.

T. C Thompson, Editor & Proprietor
Walter B. Wilson, Local Editor.

CLUBBING LIST.

The Democrat and Texas Sifter one year $2.25.
" " " Semi-Weekly Dallas News $1.75.
" " " Rocky Mt. News $1.75

QUIT your growling and go to work like a man who is an earnest and honest reformer.

REFORMS can never be gained by placing jealous, narrow brained and avaricious leaders to the front.

A SENATOR from Georgia is named Clay and a representative from Maryland is named Mudd. It is predicted that the people will get plenty of dirt, as usual.

IN Van Zandt, Jack, Navarro and Parker counties the republicans and democrats fused on county officers and the populists were beaten by small majorities. —Kaufman Leader.

The Ladies' Home Journal comes a welcome monthly visitor to our reading table. It is one of the very best of its kind in this or any other country. The December number is superb. The selections are from the ablest authors. One copy of this journal is well worth the price of a year's subscription—$1.00.

J. H. SELF was the populist nominee for justice of the peace for the Farmersville precinct. Mr. Self had no opponent neither democratic nor republican yet the democrats would not place his name upon their ticket. Contrasted with this exhibition of intense partisanism, populists placed three democratic nominees upon their county ticket where vacancies occurred. Which say ye was actuated by a lofty, patriotic spirit? Which was the reprehensible outcropping of abandoned speilsmen that is gnawing away the very vitals of our boasted institutions?

CARLIE THOMPSON of the DEMOCRAT has built a new stable. Another evidence of prosperity under McKinley. Or perhaps Carlie is going to use it as a subtreasury, in which to store pumpkins, when the pops get into power. —McKinney Gazette.

Perhaps so, but there is one thing sure, we will have a government lock thereon to keep you "free silver" fellows headed, by Jas. K. Jones, from appropriating its contents.

THERE is getting to be a great deal of just complaint among our business men about certain salaried gents failing to pay their monthly accounts. We can halfway stand a deadbeat who carries his sign—lets everybody know it by his preferred idleness—his dodging an honest job; but for a fellow who draws a regular salary from the public crib or an individual employer or firm, and persistently beats his fellowman without a shadow of an excuse, we have no use. He is a leech upon honest commerce and should be considered a disgrace to society.

Bryan More Honest Than His Party.

William Jennings Bryan was accorded a great reception in Denver last week. During his speech he gave utterance to the following:

"My friends, I bow in affectionate reverence to these men, republicans and populists, who have joined in this fight and who have not had before them the rewards which have been placed before men of my own party. I would be unworthy of the confidence which you have manifested, unworthy of the good will which you have shown, were I not willing to give credit to those to whom credit is so richly due."

The Denver Rocky Mountain News, in commenting editorially on Bryan's speech, says:

"Mr. Bryan paid a graceful tribute to those republicans who were true to their convictions and refused to stay with their party when it bound itself to the gold standard. He paid an equally graceful tribute to the populists for going outside of their own party to select a standard bearer in order that union of the bimetallic forces might be secured. He magnanimously said that any sacrifices he may have made were less than theirs because he was not called upon to go outside of his own party. Mr. Bryan abounds in the finest tact. It is characteristic of him to leave nothing undone that should be done. But in this acknowledgment to those beyond the lines of the democratic party there was more than a mere tactful and proper appreciation of their services. Mr. Bryan was not speaking to the populists and silver republicans of Colorado alone, but to those of the whole country, and while his language was in the form of a reference to the past he pointed clearly to the future and to the necessity for union, nearer and more perfect, of all those whose convictions impel them to struggle for the restoration of the double standard. To bring this about in some form must now be the chief endeavor, and Mr. Bryan's noble and timely words will not be without effect in shaping the movement aright."

Making the Blind to See.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 29.—An experiment to determine the value of the X-rays in aiding the blind to see was made to-day on Dr. Richard Cook of Boston, a well known scientist. Dr. Cook has been blind since birth. When the electric current was turned on Dr. Cook said: "Ah, I get something: there is certainly a sensation. It is indescribable."

"Was it light?" was asked.

"I do not know what light is," replied Dr. Cook. "I never saw it."

A number of tests were made by objects being passed before the light, and in every case Dr. Cook was able to describe them with some degree of accuracy.

Dr. Cook says the impression made by the rays was vibratory, like a general cerebral sense, and most like the perception of space.

Everybody Can Travel.

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G. P. & T. A., M. K. & T. R'y,
Dallas, Texas.

Honor Roll.

We are thankful to the following named gentlemen for subscriptions received recently:

J. T. Tucker, J. H. Parker,
J. D. Moore, Mrs. L. J. Fortner,
A. J. Aven, T. A. White,
W. G. Thomas, Mrs. W. L. Boyd,
W. B. Newsome, Jesse Shain,
Dr. A. J. Caldwell,
Dr. I. E. Webb,
Collin Co. Nat. Bank.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. Dec. 2, '96, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Carter Annie	McAulay J R
Duncan Rachel	Neal Mary
Evantruce Bettie	Pickett Nora
Foster Lue	Standley Dovie
Graham Nannie	Snider Ann
Goyeman Dora	Smith Mary
Gotcher D S	Thomas Mary
Holloway Rachel	Watts Mary
Sarah Holland	Mackie Alie.

GENTLEMEN.

Beard Will	Love Boren
Burke T H	Loung J C
Clark T L	McAlpin T
Clifton Wade	McConville J C
Drumm Sam	Milligan Pate
Easley C W	Moore Joseph D
Faulkner D J	Mooney Millie
Goodwin T C	Mounts Robt N
Gustes Jan	Penny Pink
Hawkins George	Burks H R
Hedgecoxe Johnnie	Perry Cora
Houston Game	Phillips Gordon
Hunter George	Phillips Magness
Jackson Jhew	Boyle J W
Jacobs Charlie	Roberts William
Jackson Jay	Sells J T (2)
Klipper O L	Stuad Bill
Janlant Henry	Towles J N
Littleton Wanzie	Luldberg S
Williams James	Willson John
Wilmeth Amelia.	

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

MRS. M. A CAMERON,
Postmisstress.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

A Fish Story.

[MRS. F. C. THOMPSON.]

With stern, cold gaze and usual frown
Through city streets went Mr. Brown.
By chance some fresh fish caught his eye;
He paused, examined, priced, did buy—
Delivery at once was not too soon
As he wished to feast on it at noon.

Poor Mrs. Brown perplexed and sore
Abandoned the menu studied o'er
And scaling the fish with care and haste
Wondered how best it would suit the taste
Of her finical husband to have it served
But she could not decide—she was so unnerved.

She thought of her husband's turned up nose
And cutting remarks, made when he chose,
Of one especially that tried HER EASE;
Just when she was sure she had served to please;
Racking her brain with all her might
An idea brought a beam of light.

At noon she met with smiling face
Her spouse, and bade him take his place
At the dining board. With greatest care
He raised his coat and took a cnair;
Lifting the lid of the nearest dish
Beheld some brown, delicious fish.

Up went his nose! Quick flashed his eye!
"Now Mrs. Brown, pray tell me why
You fried the fish? 'tis a perfect waste,
BOILED FROG would better suit my taste
I'd thought of it all morning—broiled—
Eat it yourself—for me 'tis spoiled."

"I broiled a part my husband, dear,
Pray help yourself from this dish here."
He moved his chair, gave a low "ahem,"
Accepted the dish she passed to him.
Awaiting his next retort the while
She turned her head to conceal a smile.

"The nasty stuff! 'tis salt as brine—
It seems entirely out your line
To give to seasoning a care,
BOILED FROG is better I declare;
I wonder if by hook or crook
A toad frog you could nicely cook?"

Another ponderous dish with lid
He jerked and roughly to him slid.
The cover aside with crash was laid
And lo! a boiled frog was displayed.
His wife since then has never heard
Her husband use a growling word.

Cross Roads.

Blood flowed freely all over our community on Friday and Saturday last, but it was hog blood.

Josh Ingram and G. W. Horner have exchanged farms. As they both live close together, they will have but a short distance to move, and will continue to reside in our district.

The habitual smile that has played upon Willie Walker's face is, at last, explained. At the residence of the bride's father, etc., in Grayson county, near Bethal, Mr. Walker and Miss Dora Cowart were united in the bonds of matrimony, on Sunday evening, Nov. 29. Mr. Walker has won an estimable young lady for a companion and we wish them a long and happy life. Mr. Walker is a very deserving young man, and one of our most enterprizing citizens.

Lem Franklin and family will leave for their old home in Georgia this week. We are very sorry to loose them but our loss is the goober state's gain.

Your correspondent was stormed last Monday night by a number of young people; who appeared to enjoy themselves hugely playing "weavily wheat and 'breaking' candy."

A friend of ours was inspired by the recent cold spell to describe his experience in the following verses which he handed us:

We were crowded in the shanty,
Not a soul of us that slept,
It was midnight on the prairie,
As a "norther" on us crept.

Tis a fearful thing in Texas
To be "shook up" by the blast,
And to hear the cold wind whistle
As it sweeps along so fast.

Thus we shivered there in silence
'Neath the covery very light,
Rather than to search for more
On this cold and stormy night.

So we toughed it out till morning
But of sleep we did dispair,
"Boys get up" our father shouted
From the bottom of the stair.

Then he gently said to mother
As he took her by the hand,
"Josie you must milk old Brindle,
"Cause for me she will not stand."

We put on our summer trousers
For no others had we near,
And we shivered round the fireside
When the morn was shining clear.

OBSERVER.

December 1st, 1896.

From Bowlby.

Nov. 30, '96.

This cold snap has caused a good many hogs to lose their life and me to have sausage and spare ribs.

Several of Henry Snider's family has been sick for the past week.

Only about 16 of our boys went possum hunting last Thursday night and they say they walked about ten miles and got the big sum of one possum.

Abb Heath had his horse, bridle and saddle stolen from him in McKinney Saturday night. Also Mrs. Dr. Feland has one horse missing.

J. P. Duncan was in Greenville one day last week on business and called on Donaldson Bros.

Bob O'Brien went to see his sister in Hunt county last week.

Bob Duncan gave the young people a party Tuesday night.

Misses Eva and Mary Bagley of McKinney were the guests of Miss Ida Otenhouse recently.

Andrew Caplena had a horse cut very bad on barbed wire one day last week,

Landon Duncan has moved to the Dr. Feland farm to pitch his next crop.

Fount Pope of Roland has been visiting at Gilbert Crutcher's.

W. S. Mathews and family attended the marriage of his sister, Miss Ella, of Bethany, to Joe Taylor, of Upper Rowlett, last Sunday.

CENTRAL.

For the Holidays.

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Johnson Notes.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1896.

Mr. Williams has lumber on the ground to repair his old house and add a new room to the same.

Mr. Carson has just finished a hog pasture of several acres.

For the past few days we could hear the rumble of the wagons hauling wood.

The people of Johnson community last week finished the pleasant job of killing hogs.

Last Tuesday evening the society of Johnson school had their first literary exercises. Six of the young men of the society entertained the audience by debating.

Last Sunday afternoon Johnson Sunday School was stormed by Prof. Leigh and his singing class, of Verona and New Life. He treated us with splendid singing.

Johnson school is on a boom. Monday morning we had the pleasure of adding 12 new pupils to our roll, on which we now number 108 pupils. We also received 15 new desks, which seats the house well. The members of the school appreciate the desks, and we desire to extend thanks to the trustees for the same.

Mr. Corson (one of the trustees) Prof. Leigh, Mr. Vermillion, Mr. McGee and Miss Collie Ferald were welcome visitors of the school this week. Visitors are always welcome. NO NAME

Attempted Robbery.

Monday night last three masked men went to the house of Mr. J. W. Vantrase, near White's Grove, and enquired of Mrs. Vantrase if any of the men folks were at home. After being informed in the negative they went into the house and demanded cash of Mrs. Vantrase. She told them that there was no cash in the house. They, however, searched the house through before leaving. There is yet no knowledge of whom the parties were.

Sam Gosa Death.

Sam Gosa died after a very few days illness of fever, at the residence of Capt. Johnson in this city at 12 o'clock last night.

The death is a sad one, as the deceased was a young man hardly entering into the prime of life. He was a sober, industrious citizen, a loving husband and father. He was married five years ago to a daughter of A. C. Mallow and leaves the young wife and one child here and other relatives at La Grange, Mississpi, to mourn his untimely death. Burial will take place to-morrow at the old Johnson cemetery, 4 miles east of McKinney.

THE DEMOCRAT extends condolence.

Culleoka Growing.

J. T. Brauch, who is engaged in carpentering at Culleoka, came in Saturday and reports that little village on a sort of a boom.

J. W. Sims is erecting a residence; J. P. Morrow is also building a nice home and store house which he will soon have filled with a fine stock of general merchandise. Several tenant houses are going up on the large Birney tract of land near by and $225 have been subscribed on a new Methodist church soon to be erected on a lot which Mr. Allen has donated for the purpose.

J. H. Jenkins and S. H. Cole were out recently and surveyed and staked off fifty acres in town lots. At present a store and post office, a blacksmith shop and a gin, with several residences, compose the village which is located on the McKinney and Copeville road, eleven miles south east of the former and eight miles northwest of the latter point, and is four and one-half miles south of Princeton. Not many years since dense forests grew undisturbed where now Culleoka stands, and in a few more short years doubtless, this entire section of country will be in cultivation.

A Great Combination.

By invitation of Messrs. Conkwright and Quisenberry we visited their sample room last evening to see the much talked of combination bed. Mr. Quisenberry lost no time in explaining most practically its various parts. To be brief, it can be used in connection with any ordinary bedstead. It can be used as a bed, cot, couch, trundlebed, reclining chair, and invalid chair. These various combinations are easily arranged and moved around the room. It is useful and durable for general use, and, we can truthfully add, is indispensable for the invalid, or the aged and infirm. The material, including springs and mattress, are said to be first class. The gentlemen in charge of this bed have already secured first class local testimonials of these goods, and no doubt will increase the list as fast as the public is made acquainted with the combination. Mr. Conkwright, the patentee, informs us that he received his patent on Feb. 11th this year.

Those who desire to see this bed should call next door to Smith Bros. on the east side of the square.

Lodge Meeting.

St. John Lodge I. O. O. F. will hold a call meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Master degree work members all requested to be on hand.

November Rainfall.

The following is the rainfall of Nov., '96, as registered by C. B. Moore, at Ad Valorem, 6 miles north of McKinney:

	Inches.
Nov. 3.	2.875
Nov. 26	1.375
Total	4.250

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1887 — 1897

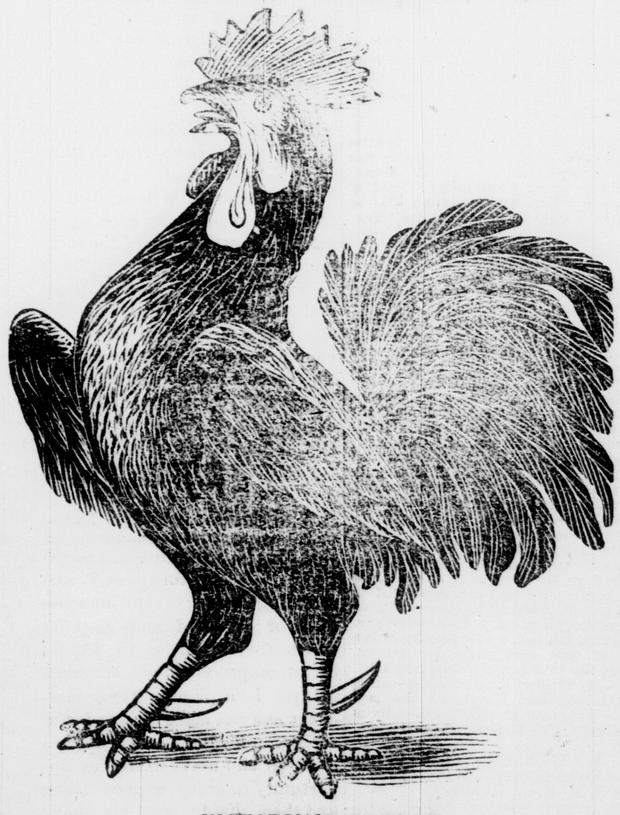
Collin County Mill & Elevator Company.

E. W. KIRKPATRICK, President. — INCORPORATED 1887. — W. C. BURRUS, Manager and Treasurer.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS $70,000

J. PERRY BURRUS, Vice-President and Secretary.

We Have Attained Success by Deserving It.



Our Famous Brands Peerless and Belle are Leaders, Nothing Equals them.

VICTORIOUS DECADE.

Daily Capacity, 275 Barels Four 200 Barrels Meal.

All Flour Made From Wheat Grown by Farmers of Collin County.

Patronize Home Enterprises.

Prices Cannot be Duplicated. Money Refunded if Quality not as Represented.

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Tutt's Pills

MADE · WITH · US!

Here is Some few Reasons Why we Bid for Your Patronage:

50 New Capes for Ladies and Misses From $1.50 up. New Goods, Stylish and Sure to Please.

All wool Flannel at - - - - - - - - - - 12½ cents
Good wool Jeans at - - - - - - - - - - 20 cents
See the fine line of woolen dress goods at - - - 25 cents
All wool filling worsteds at - - - - - - - - 5 cents
Good dress ginghams at - - - - - - - - - 5 cents
The best yard wide sea island at - - - - - - - 5 cents

Great Big Bargains In Men's and Boys' Clothing.

Think of a man's full suit for only - - - - - - $2.00
Boys' suits at - - - - - - - - - - - - 75 cents
Fine line of men's suits for - - - - - - - - $5.00
Regular $10.00 suits at - - - - - - - - - $7.50
Regular $15.00 suits at - - - - - - - - - - $10.00
Men's good knit undershirts only - - - - - - 25 cents
See the 50 cent Undershirts
See the 50 cent Overshirts.

BOOTS! SHOES! BOOTS! SHOES!

Good Solid Shoes For Good Solid People. No old Goods, No Trash, but Shoes Made to Wear.

Ladies kid button shoes - - - - - - - - - 75 cents
Child's kid button shoes - - - - - - - - - 25 cents
Boys heavy boots worth $1.25 for - - - - - - 75 cents
Men's heavy boots at any price you may want to pay.
250 pairs ladies fine shoes, regular price $2.50 to $4.00, choice of lot for - - - - - - - - - $2.00

Fall In With the Crowd
It Always Points to

The Mississippi Store,

McKinney, Texas.

Probate Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } In the County Court.
County of Collin. }

To the December Term, 1896.

The State of Texas: To the Sheriff or Constable of Collin County:—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for twenty days previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county the following notice;

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the administration of the estate of H. H. Calloway, deceased, J. Bishop, administrator, has filed in the County Court of Collin County, his final settlement with said estate together with his application to be discharged as such administrator, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the 2d Monday in December, 1896, at the court house thereof, in the city of McKinney, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said report if they see proper.

Herein fail not, under penalty of law and of this writ make due return. Issued the 13th day of November, 1896.

{SEAL} Witness J. A. Walden, Clerk of said court and the seal there of, at office in the city of McKinney, 13th day of December, 1896.

J. A. WALDEN, County Clerk, Collin County, Texas.
By E. H. Keen, Deputy,

Holiday Excursions To The South East via Iron Mountain Route.—December 22 and 23, 1896.

Back to the old home so fraught with reminiscences of the happy scene of childhood days; back again with the old folks around the blazing logwood fire and through forks of flame and wreaths of smoke, let the imagination draw a picture of the separation of parent and child many years ago, reunited again.

To afford the good people of Texas an opportunity to experience the above conditions, the Iron Mountain Route will sell tickets from Texas points to points in the southeastern states at half rates for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 21 and 22, 1896, good to return thirty days thereafter. For full information call on or address company's agents of the International & Great Northern railroad, the Texas & Pacific railway, or Jno. C. Lewis, Traveling Passenger Agent, Iron Mountain Route Austin, Texas.

Pills do not cure constipation. They only aggravate. Karl's Clover Root Tea gives perfect regularity of the bowels. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Big Bargains.

In wall paper and paints for 30 days to reduce stock at City Drug Store.

Go to J. P. Crouch & Co. for crockery, queensware, tinware and all kinds of cutlery.

Captain Sweeney, U. S. A., San Diego, Cal., says: "Shiloh's Catarrh Cure is the first medicine I have ever found that would do me any good." For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Consumption can be cured by the use of Shiloh's Cure. This great Cough Cure is the only known remedy for that terrible disease. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Furniture, chairs, organs and pianos at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Go to T. J. Melton's for fresh grits and hominy.

HEARTBURN,
WATER BRASH or
ACID STOMACH
Often find relief through the use of Iodo Mint Charcoal Tablets. For sale by Smith Bros.

Clocks and all kinds of house furnishing goods from the cradle to the grave at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

400 Oxford Preacher Bibles to be sold in 30 days. Worth $4.50, price $1.50. Largent Bros.

A cough is an easy thing to cure if taken in time. It is dangerous to neglect one any length of time. Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is guaranteed. Fifty cents a bottle.

Patent Star Oil for harness, saddles shoes and buggy tops makes a fine dressing strickly water proof. Manufactured by H. T. Brantley. Sold by Wallace & Everett, druggists; also at Central wagon yard, McKinney, Tex.

Probate Notice.

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Herein fail not, under penalty of law and of this writ make due return. Issued the 13th day of November, 1896.

{SEAL} Witness J. A. Walden, clerk of said Court and the seal thereof, at office in the City of McKinney, this 13th day of November, 1896.

J. A. WALDEN, Clerk County Court Collin County.
By E. H. Keen, Deputy.

I was nervous, tired, irritable and cross. Karl's Clover Root Tea has made me well and happy.
MRS. E. B. WORDEN.
For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Farmers, don't neglect to see Goostree & Houston when you want bargains in groceries—staple and fancy

Buy Coffees of your grocer, silks of your dry goods man, but for pure drugs and the latest of everything remember Smith Bros.

"My baby had croup and was saved by Shiloh's Cure," writes Mrs. J. B. Martin, of Huntsville, Ala. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

New crop Log Cabin maple syrup at T. J. Melton's.

You can save money by buying wall paper, paints, and glass at City Drug Store

Awarded

Highest Honors—World's Fair. Largest Bros.

The most cruel act we have yet experienced was being compelled to pay an old ice bill while the thermometer was dancing in the neighborhood of zero. Mr. Morton, the ice man, will please stock up with sympathy before another winter.

Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is sold for only fifty cents a bottle. It will cure a cough that might prove serious or perhaps fatal. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons, Jr., Medicine Company, Sherman, Texas.

Go to Goostree & Houston's for groceries.

My expenses are small and so are my prices, J W Asbury

The mammoth establishment of J. P. Crouch & Co. is packed with a mammoth stock. This is the largest business, both in space and completeness of stock, in North Texas. If you do not wish to buy it would more than repay a visit made for no other purpose than merely that of inspection and sightseeing.

The best cough cure is Shiloh's cure. A neglected cough is dangerous. Stop it at once with Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

We lead. Others follow. Look through our immense line—'tis something great. Largent Bros.

T. J. Melton has a fine line of Blanke Bros.' candies for holiday trade. This brand has no superior in the south.

A letter from R. S. Davis dated at Siloam, Ark., states that he abandoned the idea of going to Wise county, Tex., and decided when he left here recently to go to Siloam and marry, which happy event will be duly consumated Tuesday Dec. 8. This will likely be a surprise to Bob's many friends here who wish him a married life of unalloyed bliss and prosperity.

Carpets, lace curtains, window shades and bookcases at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

New crop ribbon cane molasses at T. J. Melton's

Our excuse for saying this is we have more whisk brooms than we need, we can sell you one so cheap you can afford to put one in every room.
SMITH BROS., East Side.

Are you made miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

window glass cheap at City Drug Store

Good things too numerous to mention at T. J. Melton's grocery.

Eat groceries from T. J. Melton's store and increase your avoirdupois as well as your pocket book.

Our line of jewelry is immense.
Largent Bros.

Go to J. P. Crouch & Co's. for baby carriages.

You will never pay more for anything, and a great deal less for many things in our line, if you buy of us.
Smith Bros.

Farmersville Items.

[TIMES.]

Dan, the 12-year-old son of Jim Rike, had his arm broken Monday while scuffling with some school boy friends.

Will Murchison will move to near Campbell soon.

Sam R. Hamilton was able to be on the streets Thursday.

The Santa Fe has a gang of about fifty penitentiary convicts at work in the cut just north of the city.

Miss Bertie Buck, of McKinney, visited the Misses Bell in this city this week.

M. D. Sowell's brick store at Celeste caught fire Wednesday night and but for timely work of citizens would have been destroyed. No insurance.

Mrs. Nancy A. Wilson died in this city Wednesday evening at 4:35. She was 85 years 2 months and 9 days old, was the mother of T. F. Wilson, Mrs. R. S. Philpot and Miss Bettie Wilson of this city, was a member of the C. P. church and a good christian lady. The remains were interred in the Honaker cemetery Thursday evening, Rev. Phelps of the C. P. Church officiating.

Mistrots.

With this issue of THE DEMOCRAT comes the announcement that Mistrot will introduce to the people of McKinney and surrounding country an immense stock of dry goods and clothing which they advertise to dispose of at unprecedented bargains. Mistrot is a pioneer Texas merchant and has made a wonderful success in his line. He is a close observer and never misses an opportunity to grasp a good thing and then divide with his many thousands of customers.

He buys his goods at extremely low figures, places them before his patrons for a rigid examination and the rest is easy done. His profits are close. The buyer sees it and consequently purchases,

Mistrot believes in printer's ink as is evidenced by the ad in this issue of THE DEMOCRAT which contains some price lists for the perusal of our readers.

This fine stock of goods will be found on the south side of the square next door to Collin County bank.

J. G. Matthews has charge of the McDowell [illegible]

A large assemblage of invited guests were at the Christian church last (Wednesday Dec. 2) evening to witness W. C. Robinson, a popular young business man of our city, lead to Hymen's alter Miss Lula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Faires, which happy event was consummated at 7:30 o'clock. Joe Barnes and Vernie Graves ushured and Eld. S. W. Crutcher officiated in a brief but impressive manner after the bridal party had advanced to the chancel rail to the strains of a beautiful wedding march executed by the deft hands of Mrs. Dr. Gibson.

After the ceremony and congratulations the happy pair retired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Crouch near the church edifice, bearing with them the fondest hopes of all present. The groom is a brother-in-law of Lou Crouch and for a number of years has been a clerk in the large establishment of J. P. Crouch & Co. The bride was born and has grown to beautiful young womanhood in McKinney where she is universally loved and admired for her many womanly graces and noble qualities.

THE DEMOCRAT trusts that their new relationship in life may be the most felicitous and that their matrimonial bark may ever be wafted in prosperity's channels.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will be at home to friends after Dec. 16 at their new residence on North College street.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. J. H. Davies will preach in Plano to-night.

The Baptist Young People's Union meets every Sunday at 6 p. m. The public is invited to the services, which are interesting and spiritual.

Public worship will be conducted every 4th Sunday at the Catholic church here, Father McGuinn priest.

Eld. S. W. Crutcher delivered his humorous lecture "Phunny Phases of Life, or The Uses of Fun," under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church in Greenville Thursday night.

Elder D. W. Pritchett preached two very able discourses at the Christian church last Sunday in the stead of Baxter Golightly, as was stated in last week's Courier. Mr. Golightly will be here the first week in December.—Plano Courier.

Rev. Father T. F. McGuinn of Wylie conducted services at the Catholic church in this city at 10:30 a. m. Sunday. Father MaGuinn is priest of the parishes at Sulphur Springs, Greenville and St. Paul. It is not improbable that arrangements will shortly be made by the bishop for regular services at the McKinney church.

Tuesday Rev. J. M. Robertson received a telegram announcing the death of his friend, Rev. J. Morgan Wells, at Ft. Worth. The deceased was a prominent divine of his denomination in the south and was pastor of the First Baptist church at Ft. Worth at the time of his death which was due to a stroke of apoplexy the evening before.

Rev. J. M. Robertson has resigned the pastorate of the first Baptist church in this city to take effect, we understand, in about two months. Dr. King of San Antonio has been called to succeed him, but it is not known yet whether he can accept or not. During Dr. Robertson's residence in McKinney he and his excellent family have drawn many of our citizens to them in the bonds of lasting friendship, and all regret his departure from us for other fields.

Rev. Jones, of Gainesville, preached three fine sermons at the Cumberland church Sunday morning, afternoon and night, to good audiences. At night Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and niece, Miss Peters, added much to the excellence of the singing with their stringed instruments. The meeting closed Monday night after a week's continuance, which, owing to the unfavorable weather, was not as fruitful as it might have been otherwise. Rev. Jones is an earnest, forceful preacher of more than ordinary fluency, and will be greeted with better congregations should he again preach in this city.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

We recommend Castoria as an excellent remedy for children. Dr. H. Fletcher

Taylor—Mathews.

Mr. Joe Taylor of Foncine and Miss Ella Mathews were married Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Owen Mathews, two miles south of Allen. Eld. C. M. Drew of Van Alstyne solemnized the nuptial rites. The groom is a bright, intelligent young farmer of west Collin, the son of J. H. Taylor, and the bride is a member of one of our county's first families. A number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony that joined the two young people together in holy wedlock. Mr. Clifton Haggard and Miss Hattie Marshall acted as attendants. THE DEMOCRAT joins the host of friends of the contracting parties in extending congratulations and best wishes for a long life of wedded bliss and prosperity.

Our Merchants.

THE DEMOCRAT is proud of the fact that it reflects from its pages the business interests of the whole souled, wide-awake merchants of our city. They appreciate the labors and efforts of their local paper. In its columns each week the local happenings, pleasant personals, church and lodge notices, doings of society, sad memorials of deaths, commnnity dots from all over the county, and choice paragraphs of local interests are conveyed to its readers, thus keeping communities in touch with each other, which could not be accomplished by any other means. For all favors, both from readers and advertisers, THE DEMOCRAT is most grateful, and we trust that the near approach of the annual holidays will bring comfort and joy to each household within the confines of the good county of Collin.

Real Estate Transfers

The following is a list of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office at McKinney for week ending Saturday, Nov. 28th:

B L Billingsby to J W St. Clair, release.

W H Roland et al to J W St. Clair, 76.57 a, James Jackson sur, release.

M L Callahan and wfe to Robert Cruse, 28½ a, Thomas Phillips sur, $855.

L A Scott to Henry Springfield, lot in Melissa, $688.90.

J S Burch and wife to Hugh McLain, 56½ a, Richard Phalin sur, $1412.25.

W J Price and wife to G K Hart, 38⅓ a, M Mowry sur, $700.

H P Faris to E N McAulay, quit claim deed.

E B Bass and wife to S H Abbott, 35 a, Hardin White sur, $1034.

J J Shockley and wife to Robt Cruse, 31.93 a, David Cherry sur, $1000.

W E Rucker and wife to E C and J O McMurry, 32.77 a, James Jackson sur, $819.25.

Walter B Harrison to Sam Lane, 26⅔ a, Prior Holder sur, $225.82.

Sam Lane and wife to James T Lane, 26⅔ a, Prior Holder sur, $675.

Claud M Gallagher and wife to Clement J Gallagher, lots 11 and 12 in block 37, Keller's addition to town of Wylie, $150.

James W Gallagher and wife to Claude M Gallagher, 47 a, Wm Spurgin sur; also 6⅔ a, T F Chambers sur, $3000.

John H Pickett to W A McCullough, lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 37, Keller's add to Wylie, release.

J E Newsome and wife to J H Carson, release.

George W Cupp to G M Russell, 15⅞ a, Hardin Wright sur, $350.

Robert Cruse to W N Waters, 28½ a, Thomas Philips sur, $855.

Dennis C Johnson to John King, 618 a, James Asgood sur.

Mrs Sarah Ballard et al to R E Langley, 300 a, John Roland sur, notes.

E H Pendletoe, J Hubbard and M D Sowell to ————, lot 9, block 7 in Josephine, $50.

E H Pendleton and M D Sowell to W E McCain, 2 lots in Josephine, $90.

Joseph and S E Greer to John Abel, 30 a, M R Roberts sur, notes.

I D Newsome to A H Fortner, release.

A V and H G Watkins et al to John L Smith, 60 a, S M Rains sur, $2100.

W P Milligan to I E Webb, 123¼ a, R H Locke sur, $3000.

W B Newsome to J L Smith, release.

Plant an Orchard.

Before you plant, send for *New Catalogue of McKinney Nurseries*. This catalogue names the varieties adapted to this climate and gives instructions showing how to have, without failing, an abundance of fine fruit in any locality. These instructions are based upon forty years of experience in growing fruit in Texas, and include and refer to the latest and most advanced thought on Southern horticulture. Send to

E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney, Tex.

As Usual.

The "Cotton Belt Route" has arranged to give its patrons an opportunity to visit their relatives and friends in the "Old States" at greatly reduced rates and with the same provisions for their safe, speedy and comfortable journey as has in the past made the "Cotton Belt Route" the acknowledged favorite of the good people of Texas.

These provisions include through cars, and plenty of them, to give all ample accommodations; small trains run frequently to insure good time and sure connections, and courteous employees to make your trip an enjoyable one.

Tickets on sale December 21st and 22nd, good for 30 days' visit, and any railway agent in Texas will sell you via the Cotton Belt.

For rates, train time, or further information, apply to any Cotton Belt Ticket Agent or the undersigned.

Remember, that excursionists return at different intervals during the 30 days, and therefore have to take regular trains returning, and that the Cotton Belt can best serve you in this particular with its regular double daily trains 365 days in the year between Memphis and Texas.

S. G. WARNER,
G. P. A., Tyler, Te
A. A. GLISSON,
T. P. A., Ft. Worth, Tex.

M. ARON & Co.,

LEADERS IN

Dry Goods and Clothing

THE ONLY

ONE PRICE

HOUSE IN M'KINNEY.

Special Sale Continued

Our Special Sale of the past two weeks has proven so satisfactory to ourselves and customers that we are encouraged to continue same.

We have made additional selections from our Clothing Department and placed everything where sizes are broken in this sale.

First Lot Mens all wool elegant made suits at - - - - - - - - - - **$6.50**

Sec. Lot Men's all wool business suits at - - - - - - - - - - **$5.25**

We are especially anxious that every lady in Collin and adjoining counties shall know the excellence of our dress-maker, Miss Shranz, as a designer and draper, and to push this department, will make

A Special Discount

On all Novelty Dress Patterns Sold Between now and December 25.

After which time we will greatly enlarge and remodel our Dress-making Parlors, making them equal in point of elegance to any in the South. Soliciting your patronage,

We Are Yours Very Truly,
M. ARON & CO.

W. W. McDowell : : P. L. White.

$20,000

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Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps,

CLOTHING AND GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS.

To be Sold at prices that can't be Duplicated. These Goods are all new and one of the best assorted stocks in North Texas. We have what you want; call to see us at

THE G. F. BOLTON PLACE,

West side square. We shall be glad to show you these goods. Call today especially.

50 Boy's Knee Suits, $1.00, g
36 Boys' Knee Suits, twill wo
48 Boys' Knee Pants, 20c qu
100 pairs Men's fine Cassimer
$5 goods on sale at, pa
600 pairs Men's fine Cassimer
$2.75 values, will be clo
100 pairs Men's Work Pant
200 pairs Men's Work Pant
100 dozen Men's Work Shirts
10 dozen Boys' Knee Pants, r
50c quality, at.....
20 dozen Men's mixed lot Un
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M'DOWELL & WHITE.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

A CLEAR HEAD; good digestion; sound sleep; a fine appetite and a ripe old age, are some of the results of the use of Tutt's Liver Pills. A single dose will convince you of their wonderful effects and virtue.

A Known Fact.

An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, malaria, sour stomach, dizziness, constipation bilious fever, piles, torpid liver and all kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

R. R. TIME CARD.

H. & T. C.

North bound.	Cannon ball	5:21 a. m.
"	No 3	9:22 a. m.
"	No. 15	1:54 p. m.
"	No 1	8:15 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:08 a. m.
"	No. 16	11:12 a. m
"	No 4	6:54 p.m.
"	Cannon Ball	9:48 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	11. 15 a. m.
Local "	2:50 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	5.03 p.m
Local "	10. 40 a. m

Deputy Sheriff Horn is in Arkansas on official duty.

T. J. Melton is receiving treatment from the occulist, Chilton, in Dallas.

Sam Gosa is suffering from a severe attack of fever.

The little child of Ernest Parker is seriously ill.

You run no risk! All dealers sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC on a positive guarantee NO CURE NO PAY. Delightful to take. Price 50c. 3

Mrs. L. N. Byrd, of Greenville, visited here last week.

Mrs. Dr. Sayle, of Greenville, visited in McKinney this week.

If you want to make us happy why just pay your subscription before Christmas.

Sam Edwards, colored, was buried yesterday.

Writing desks at all prices at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Sam J. Davis, student of King's business college, came up from Dallas and spent Sunday with relatives.

A. C. Bryson and family are new comers to our city from Pickens county, Georgia.

Little Miss Ethel Hammond has returned from a two month visit to her sister, Mrs. Evans, in Dallas.

Why not profit by the experience of others who have found a permanent cure for catarrh in Hood's Sarsaparilla

Sheriff W. S. Coffey is one of the DEMOCRAT'S newest subscribers.

D. Goodin returned from a week's absence in New Orleans this week.

Bert Chaffen, of Sherman, was here Saturday for a few hours.

J. C. Hughes lies dangerously ill at his home just south of the square.

The Collin County Milling Co. will soon have on hand a number of beautiful 1897 calenders which will be distributed.

Sheriff J. L. Moulden is moving back to his farm near Murphy.

Charlie Dedmon, an erstwhile barber of McKinney, has returned after an absence of several months.

Pat Moulden is Sheriff Coffey's office deputy.

Mack Harris came up from Bee county last week and spent a few days attending to business matters here.

Robt. L. Moulden, son of Ex-Sheriff Moulden, is a law student in the office of G. R. Smith.

Can't put any more value in a pair of jeans pants than we put in the BUCK-SKIN BREECHES. If any one can show us how to spend money making them better we'll pay them well for it. We've done our best to make them perfect in fit, wear and finish. We'd do more if we knew how.

Ed Hinman and little sons were guests of relatives in Sulphur Springs last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Finch are happy over a wee little lady that recently made its advent into their home.

MARRIED—At Bethany Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p. m., J. W. Marshall and Miss Lillie Lane.

The county clerk issued documents privilegeing five happy couples to embark upon matrimonial seas Saturday.

Try us for your family recipes.
Smith Bros.

Supt. C. O. Smith and good lady gave a reception at their home on College street, Friday evening, in honor of the teachers of the city public school. The delighted guests were royally received and entertained and the pleasures of the occasion will linger long in the memories of those present.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.

E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer,
P. O. BOX 317, Waco, Texas
READ THIS.

Sherman, Tex., Aug. 17.
I certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery in my family and I can recommend it to the public.
A. L. STRONG.

Sold by Smith Bros.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair,

DR.
PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Miss Kate DeArmond gave a dancing party to young friends at the residence of her father, Col. DeArmond, Thursday evening.

Have you seen the combination bed? This is the question of the hour. Call at next door to Smith Bros. on the east side.

Mr. J. S. Quisinberry will take pleasure in explaining all parts of his combination bed. Next door to Smith Bros.

A drowning man would have little use for a method of rescue which would require days. A dyspeptic doesn't want to bother with a remedy that is going to take weeks to show its beneficial effects.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers are offering a product under the name of Shaker Digestive Cordial which yields IMMEDIATE relief. The very first dose proves beneficial in most cases; and it is owing to their unbounded confidence in it, that they have put 10 cent sample bottles on the market. These can be had through any druggist; and it will repay the afflicted to invest the trifling sum decessary to make a trial.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial relieves by resting the stomach and aiding the digestion of food.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

A pleasant social event of the past week was the reception given by J. A. Rogers Thanksgiving evening between the hours of 8 and 11 o'clock in honor of the members of his Sunday school class. The parlors and dining room were decorated with beautiful flowers in profusion and brought into requisition for the pleasure of the merry guests. The host was assisted in entertaing by his estimable lady and daughter, Miss Foncie, and Miss Pearl Stacy, the latter two serving toothsome refreshments. Those present were:

Sam Welch	and Miss	Lula Allison.
Geo. Hughes	" "	Della Allison.
Mack Webster	" "	Pearl Nelson.
Leslie White	" "	Bessie Nelson.
Bob Chambers	" "	Joe Davis.
Will Richardson	" "	Eula Stimpson.
Richard Allen	" "	Myrtie Burger.
Walter Kaen	" "	Tonie Burger.
Walter Wilson	" "	Emma Moore.
Ed Bomar	" "	Linnie Johnson.

J. G. Matthews has charge of the McDowell stock of groceries which he will close out as soon as possible. Mr. McDowell has engaged in the clothing business.

Mrs. W. W. Shepherd entertained a few friends with a joint birthday and thanksgiving dinner in hono of her husband Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Suttle entertained Thursday evening in honor of their sister, Miss Robbie Suttle. An evening of unstinted mirth and good cheer was the portion of every guest.

What is it? A cure for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, and all Bronchial Affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. 50 doses for 50 cents. Money returned if it fails to give satisfaction, we mean Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup.

The new 1896-97 catalogue of the McKinney Nursery is just out and is something every land owner in North Texas should possess for the valuable information it contains. Mr. Kirkpatrick has made a life time study of fruit growing in the black land belt and is eminently qualified by a successful career in that line of making it to your interest to obtain and preserve this catalogue.

Do you feel dull and bilious, a heavy tired feeling, bad taste in the mouth and an aversion to food? These are symptoms of a torpid liver and need prompt attention to prevent the development of a serious kidney disease. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS will set things right. It drives out all foul matter and impurities in the bowels, stimulates the liver and digestion, cleanses the system of bilious influences, and imparts a general feeling of health and cheerfulness. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

WANTED—Salesman to sell complete line of lubricating oils, greases, varnishes, specialties, etc. Good opportunity for the proper party. Garland Refining Co., Cleveland, O.

J. B. Hardin will change his place of residence from this county to Cisco, Eastland county, in the near future. Mr. Hardin has resided for a number of years about 5 miles south of McKinney.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss
LUCAS COUNTY. }

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

SWORN to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

SEAL

A. W. GLEASON,
NOTARY PUBLIC

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucuous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Why

Do people buy Hood's Sarsaparilla in preference to any other,—in fact almost to the exclusion of all others?

Because

They know from actual use that Hood's is the best, i. e., it cures when others fail. Hood's Sarsaparilla is still made under the personal supervision of the educated pharmacists who originated it.

The question of *best* is just as positively decided in favor of Hood's as the question of comparative sales.

Another thing: Every advertisement of Hood's Sarsaparilla is true, is honest.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Jno. G. Davis has been appointed corresponding member of the state Y. M. C. A. exective committee. Mr. Davis would like to have the names and addresses of all young men leaving the county.

If you had a few corns on your feet and you went bare-footed for three months they would disappear entirely. As big folks do not go bare-footed the next best thing is to go to SMITH BROS., and buy some kind of Corn Cure.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Callousad Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stifles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

Will Pennington left Thursday for Hatton, Arkansas, where he goes to embark in photography for himself. Will has been a most popular artist for several years in McKinney. His family follow in a few days.

Save Your Life

By using "THE NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this marvelous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

Rev. J. W. Boyle, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister of Oklahoma, is in town the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Allison. Rev. Boyle is an ex lawyer and district judge, formerly of Iowa.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith will testify to the wonderful curative properties of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup. Sample bottles free. Satisfaction or money refunded.

Marriage Bells.

Licenses to wed issued by County Clerk Walden since our last report:

G. W. Taylor	and Miss	Lola Wade.
Jno. H. Bradley	" Mrs.	H. L Kemp.
Joe Taylor	and Miss	Ella Mathews.
E. F. Kirby	" "	V. M. Brummett
J. M. Bradley	" "	Wilcia Patterson
C. A. Scribner	" "	M. L. Hall.
G. J. S. Walker	" "	Nannie Commons
L. C Hampton	" "	May B. Stinson.
B. C. Childress	" "	Jimmie Stanford.
J. F. McKissick	" "	Roxie Faker.
J. M. Smith	" "	T. Wilson.
J. W. Marshall	" "	Lillie Lane.
E. S. Haggard	" "	Laura Nelson.
T. L. Hughston	" "	L. B. Beverly.
Leslie Shields	" "	Hattie McMahan
W. J. McMahan	" "	Lula Bailey.
Scott Thomas	" "	Ellen Bineham.
C. Tarter	and Mrs.	E. Strickland.

Suicide.

You can eat enough to kill yourself if you wish to do so at the Star Restaurant and it will only cost you the pitiful sum of 25cts. Respt.,
Thompson Bros., Proprs.

Mrs. Jos. H. Cathey was buried at Pecan cemetery last Tuesday. The services were conducted at the home of F. M. Hill.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is not a "bitters" as the word is generally understood. It could not be used as a drink because of its highly medicated and cathartic properties. Nor is it a drastic, disagreeable mixture. It is pleasant to take, mild and agreeable, does not nauseate the stomach, nor produce griping senations. In curing diseases of the kidneys, or the disorders common to the liver, its great value is well known and admitted by the Medical Profession. It is a kidney remedy par excellence. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Those who are in arrears for subscription to THE DEMOCRAT and have promished us so often should come in and make their word good.

See the combination bed, next door to Smith Bros.

It is excelsior, it is a necessity. Everybody should see and purchase. We refer to the combination bed. It is on exhibition next door to Smith Bros. on the east side of the square.

If you need your wagon scales repaired, or new ones built, call on R. V. Daughetee, B. 39, McKinney, Tex.

The rush of trade at Goostree & Houston's, the popular grocers on East Louisiana street, is occasioned by their large stock of the best and freshest groceries which are being disposed of at prices which meets the desire of the consumers both in and out of the city.

We do not claim that the Esquimaux uses a hot water bottle, but he would if we were running a drug store in Greenland, because we would call his attention to our complete line of these goods. We are liable to have some Arctic weather this winter cold enough to make people think they are on an ice berg. It will be a good time then to think of our hot water bottles.
SMITH BROS.

WHEN YOU HAVE A

BACKACHE

Pains in the stomach, headache, spells of weakness and disorders in the urinary organs, it means trouble in the kidneys. If you value your life, begin treatment at once before the disease develops its dangerous stage.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IS A RELIABLE CURE.

It cures Brights Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Kidney Weakness and Inflammation, Urinary Disorders and the diseases peculiar to women. Don't delay; the disease spreads rapidly and soon gets beyond control, hence the earlier the treatment is applied, the greater the assurance of a complete cure.

PRICE $1.00 PER BOTTLE.

Prepared by PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., Saint Louis, Mo.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

Window glass all sizes at City Drug Store.

Sewing machine needles at J H Sneed's

Goostree & Houston solicit a liberal share of the city trade.

The Nickle Store continues to be the place for bargains

Smith Bros. make extract vanilla from vanilla beans. That's the reason it's good.

Wall paper, paints, oils and window glass at City Drug Store.

when you want a nobby picture frame call on J H Sneed

Tinware and queensware at rock bottom prices at J w Asbury

Farmers, buy your groceries from Goostree & Houston.

The economical housewife buys her chamois skins of Smith Bros., the only drug store on the east side.

See J. H. Sneed for furniture, stoves, queensware, glassware, etc.

See J w Asbury for new second hand furniture

All the standard cough and la grippe medicines at City Drug Store.

The Nickle Store occupies the same old stand. Call and see

Anything in the grocery line at Goostree & Houston's, successors to W D Goostree the same old stand

The Democrat will be pleased to receive communications from every neighborhood in the county. Also news items of interest, personals, etc All anonymous matter will be ignored.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Miss Sophia Hine, of near Jamestown, N. Y., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Forsythe. She will spend the winter here.

M. W. Littleton, an eloquent young sound money democratic speaker who made two speeches in McKinney during the late campaign, was married in Dallas Tuesday evening. Miss Maud Wilson was his bride.

Beware of backache, it is one of the chief symptoms of kidney trouble. If you have any uneasiness in the small of the back, liver disturbances, urinary disorders, it means Bright's Disease. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS cures Bright's Disease. It heals and strenghens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stomach and digestion, and purifies the bowels. Its splendid record of remarkable cures renders further recommendation unnecessary. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

READERS if you want old papers to paste on walls or place under carpets you can get them at The Democrat office for 25cts per hundred.

Why leave your rooms bare? You can buy wall paper from 5c a roll up at City Drug Store

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Mules For Sale.

Ten work mules, four years old past, for sale cheap; half cash, balance 12 months time. Call on John Martin, 6 miles northeast of McKinney.

MISTROT'S - MISTROT'S - MISTROT'S

M'KINNEY AND PLANO, TEXAS.

A Feast For Bargain Hunters Of Collin.

WE WILL INTRODUCE OURSERVES to the people of McKinney with a volcanic eruption of MONEY SAVERS FOR THE PEOPLE! "E PLURIBUS UNUM."

Three Great Sales in One!

That's our introduction. It will be a Feast from day to to day, and long be remembered by the people of Collin.

Bankrupt Sales, Sho} Sample Sales, Fire Sales.

We have bought from an Insurance company of New Orleans a big invoice of fine goods. The immense stock of KORY & SONS was indeed a lucky event for the people. It must be sold. Every garment and shoe must be turned into Cash. Do you realize what this means? We have bought from the leading Jobbing Houses in the East their entire lines of samples in Ladies, Misses and Gent's shoes at 33⅓ per cent discount. We have bought from the Assignee the stock of goods of Portman Bros. Stock invoiced $13,000 we paid $8,000. We offer this stock at Portman Bros. cost mark: SILVER KNOB 123456 7890 We give it so that everybody can be his own salesman. Money talks, and it is ever ready cash that has enabled us to offer you all this grand Fire and Bankrupt Sale Feast. Miss it not, for the like of it you will never see again. It means the MOST AMAZING BARGAINS and surprising values of the XIX Century—the leader of all the sales of the year. It stands without parallel as the Grandest and Most Studendous Sacrifice of genuine values ever made public in the Stase of Texas.

No. 1. 100 Men's Fine Black Fur Hats, a few of a kind..$1.00
No. 2. 36 Men's Fine $2.00 Wool Shirts, each.....$1.00
No. 3. 36 Ladies' Light Weight Jackets, each.....$1.00
No. 4. 25 pairs White 10-4 California Finish Blankets, good $3.50 kind, per pair.....$2.50
No. 5. 25 pairs White 11-4 Blankets, as above, per pair..$3 50
No. 6. 100 Men's Fine Black Suits, the $15 kind, at...$10.00
No. 7. 36 Men's Black Wool Suits, the $9 and $10 kind..$7.50
No. 8. 12 Men's Black Wool, Clay suits, the $7.50 kind.$6.50
No. 9. 15 pairs Boys' Knee pants, the 50c kind, at.....38c
No. 10. 100 pairs Men's White All Wool Socks, the 25c kind, 2 pairs for.....25c
No. 11. 25 bales Colored Carpet Warp, per bale.....85c
No. 12. 50 yards good Oil Cloths, the 25c kind, at.....10c
No. 13. 50 Dress Pattern Wash Fabrics, very cheap at 10 yards for.....98c
No. 14. A Lady's Nice Black Cape trimmed with braid or fur, very cheap.....$1.50
No. 15. A Lady's Black Cape, trimmed with fur, a nice garment.....$2.50
No. 16. 10 Ladies' Fine Silk Plush Capes, sold in other stores at $8 and $10, to close out the lot.....$5.00
No. 17. 8 Ladies' Fine Black Capes, trimmed with braid and jet, $7 kind, at.....$4.50
No. 18 6 Ladies' Fine Black Capes, trimmed with silk braid, the $5 kind, to close out the lot, half price..$2.50
No. 19. 14 Ladies' Fine Black Capes, trimmed with fur collar and lap, at.....$3.50
No. 20. 5 Ladies' Fine Black Capes, the most stylish garment in town; sells elsewhere at $12, to close the lot, at.....$7.50
No. 21. 200 yards Fruit of the Loom Bleached Cotton, a yard wide, you know its worth, to close the lot, per yard.....6¼c
No. 22. 300 yards regular 5c Calico, the entire lot at 10 yards for.....39c
No. 23. 1000 yards Lonsdale Bleaching, to close the lot, per yard, at.....7c
No. 24. 500 yards Fine Bleach, "Good as Gold," you know the brand, to close the lot, per yard.....5½c
No. 25. 20 dozen Ladies' Ribbed Vests, regular 20c quality, half price.....10c
No. 26. 10 dozen Ladies' Ribbed Vests, 35c quality, at.. 25c
No. 27. 20 dozen Ladies' Handkerchiefs, the usual 4c quality, to close the lot, each.....1c
No. 28. 20 dozen Misses' Handkerchiefs, the usual 4c kind, to close the lot, each.....1c
No. 29. 10 yards Cotton Checks, at.....30c
No. 30. Ladies' Jersey Wool Gloves, regular 25c kind, per pair.....15c
No. 31. Men's Fine Black Hose, the 25c kind, 4 in a box, to close the lot, 4 for.....88c
No. 32. Ladies' Fine Black Hose, imported and warranted not to fade; closing out price, 4 for.....88c
No. 33. 700 yards All Wool Red Twilled Flannel, to close the lot, per yard.....15c
No. 34. 200 yards Blue Twill Flannel, to close the lot, per yard.....16c
No. 35. 250 yards All Wool Eiderdown, to close the lot, per yard, at.....25c
50 Men's strickly all-wool black soft Serge Suits, $5.00 values at half price.....$2.50
50 Men's brown heavy warm Working Suits, $7.50 values, at half price.....$3.75
40 Men's California all-wool Suits, $10 values, at half price.....$5.00
36 Men's black and blue Wool Mackintoshes, regular $9.00 values, at half price.....$4.50
22 Men's fine Ribbed Mackintoshes, black and blue, are well worth $5.00, at half price.....$2.93
50 Boy's Knee Suits, $1.00, good and warm, half price 50c
36 Boys' Knee Suits, twill woolen goods, at half price 99c
48 Boys' Knee Pants, 20c quality, at one-fourth price 5c
100 pairs Men's fine Cassimere Pants, $2.50, $3, $4 and $5 goods on sale at, pair.....$1.75
600 pairs Men's fine Cassimere Pants, $1.75, $2, $2.50, $2.75 values, will be closed out at, pair.....$1.25
100 pairs Men's Work Pants, 75c to $1 values, at 33c
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100 dozen Men's Work Shirts, regular 50c values, at 25c
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Burt Found Guilty.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 27.—To-day the jury in the Burt case came in at 11:50 o'clock and returned a verdict, finding the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree and fixing his punishment at death.

The prisoner, who was sitting directly in front of the jury at the time, never quivered nor moved a muscle of his face. His eyelids even did not quiver. His nerve was something astonishing.

As soon as the verdict was rendered he was taken back to jail, where several newspaper men called to see him and asked him what he had to say about the result. He replied that he had nothing to say until after the result of an appeal of his case could be had. His nerve is immaculate, and he seemed as cheerful after returning to jail as if no death sentence had been provided for by the jury.

His principal defense in this trial has been lunacy, but to-day after the verdict he recognized several parties and talked with them and while he has heretofore been more morose, refusing to talk, his tongue has been flying since the verdict.

The crime with which he is charged is the murdering on July 24 of his wife and two small children and throwing their dead bodies into a cistern under the house. He was captured after his flight in Chicago on Aug. 18.

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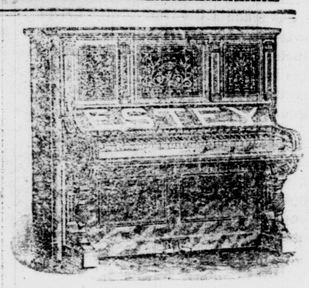

General News.

The Seminole reservation was swept by fires last week.

A small cyclone passed through Falls county, Tex., Thursday, killing one child.

Frank Cole committed suicide after killing his wife, at Lowell, Mass., last week.

Robert Kennedy was killed by being run into by a bicycle in New Orleans Thursday.

W. H. Shirley, to have been hanged at Coleman, Tex., on the 27th ult., has been respited to Jan. 29th.

In an altercation at Cleburne one Santa Fe brakeman shot and fatally wounded another on the 26th ult.

President Cleveland will make his future home at Princeton, N. Y., after his retirement from office.

Gen. Weyler and his army of Spaniards are said to be getting the worst of the fight with the Cuban insurgents.

The 26-year-old son of the late Ex-speaker Crisp has been nominated to succeed his father in congress. He will be elected without opposition.

Dr. J. K. Miles was tried on the charge of bigamy at Livingston, Polk county, Tex., and sentenced to prison 10 years. He had married five times.

Thanksgiving day was generally observed throughout the country. Americans in foreign lands gathered beneath the stars and stripes and recalled memories of home.

The German ship, Smidt, was wrecked and seventeen sailors were picked up by another vessel and landed in Galveston on the 26th ult. The captain and two sailors of the ill fated bark were lost.

District Judge Dillard opened court at Rockwall a day or two behind the time set on owing to his detention in the court at McKinney. Lawyers at Rockwall fear that the proceedings at that place may be invalid.

Republican State Chairman Green has returned to Texas after a call on McKinley. Mr. Green does't think that Texas will get any cabinet pie. He predicts another fight with the state ring in 1898.

At Austin on the 25th ult. Miss Ann Blocker was found dead in her bath tub. Her sister's Miss Mary, grief was so great that in six hours she too was dead. The sisters were members of a prominent family.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., G. W. Nelson, a prominent member of the Baptist church, sang in the choir at the union thanksgiving services. As the pastor pronounced the last words of the benediction Mr. Nelson fell dead, stricken with appoplexy.

In closing the defense in the Burt murder trial at Austin, Thursday's dispatches stated that "Major Buck Walton, for the defense, in a four hours effort made one of the most magnificent speeches ever delivered before a Texas court. His defense of the prisoner was something that was sublime in its grandeur."

A peculiar tragedy was enacted near Paris one day last week. W. L. Wright fired at a chicken hawk with a Winchester. The bullet missed the mark and struck a boy named Jacks who was picking cotton on an adjoining farm, three-fourths of a mile away, inflicting a wound from which he soon died.

H. L. Scales, general manager of the Corsicana Cotton Oil company, in an interview with a Dallas News representative said: "The cotton crop in Texas this year is about 250,000 bales larger than last season, but the oil mills are only receiving about two-thirds as many seed as they did last season. The short corn crop is the cause of the deficiency, as farmers are compelled to feed their cotton seed to their cattle this season, whereas last year they had plenty of corn. As far as we can see, the crush in Texas this season will be about 70 per cent of last season. The prices of cotton seed products are very much the same as last season. The qualities of cotton seed products this season have been choice up to the 15th of November, but since that time products have not been prime, owing to the damp condition of the seed coming in. It looks as if the season is about over, as seed receipts are almost nothing, and our warehouses are empty."

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J. S. DOWELL.
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A Christmas Trip.

The thousands of Texans who came from the South Atlantic States find much pleasure in reverting to the happy days of long ago when they were children, and often they awake at night to recall those scenes of yore which gave to life a charm, and which now come in later years as visions of joy. There is a tender spot in every heart for the old home, and the memories which cluster about the dear old spot are solaces in the weary, weary struggle we make day by day to build in our new Eldorado a home to which our children in future time will turn, as we turn now to the old place where our loved ones in the evening of life await the final summons.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company again offers you the opportunity to go "back to the old home." Round trip excursion tickets will be on sale from all points on the system on Dec. 21st and 22nd, 1896, to points in the Southeastern State, at one fare for the round trip, tickets good 30 days from date of sale. See your nearest ticket agent for further information, and do not fail to send eight cents postage to the undersigned for a copy of the finest publication on Texas ever issued, to show to your friends at home.

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For rates, train time, or further information, apply to any Cotton Belt Ticket Agent or the undersigned.

Remember, that excursionists return at different intervals during the 30 days, and therefore have to take regular trains returning, and that the Cotton Belt can best serve you in this particular with its regular double daily trains 365 days in the year between Memphis and Texas.

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Dallas, Texas.

Cockran for Free Cuba.

New York, Nov. 27.—St. Leo's church was crowded with Cubans and their sympathizers this morning, where a requiem mass was celebrated in memory of the eight Havana medical students who were executed by the Spanish volunteers in the city of Havana Nov. 27, 1891. The services were conducted by the Rev. Father Ducey.

Bourke Cockran's speech was one of the most eloquent ever listened to in this city. He said that the annexation of Cuba would put this country on a footing with barbarous Spain.

"No nation can remain indifferent to atrocities committed within view of its harbors. It is an intolerable government that would permit such a state of affairs to exist without criticising the government of Spain in Cuba. It is a duty to civilization, humanity and ourselves whether sooner or later this government will extend a sympathetic hand to the Cuban in his trouble. It is now a question of his emancipation or his extermination. Our attitude must be defined, so that the patriot and the Spaniard can know with whom he must dicker. If the Cuban patriot is to be exterminated, in heaven's name let him know that what he is expecting will not be forthcoming; that the butchery is to be continued, instead of keeping him in suspense by our silence."

At this time a Cuban who had been overcome by passion shouted: "Curse Cleveland."

The speaker, having caught the exclamation, lost no time to reply: "My friend," he said, "no American will bring a curse upon this country by a failure to do his duty."

Resuming his speech Mr. Cockran declared: "It seems to me this government should speak out and have the courage of its conviction. I hope it does, and it will not be to annex Cuba, but to liberate it. I believe that if the president insisted that Cuba must be free, it would be free. If a fleet of ten vessels in charge of one of our admirals steamed into the harbor of Havana and invited the entire Spanish outfit—the entire party of executioners — to take a trip to Cadiz or Barcelona, they would willingly accept the invitation."

In conclusion Mr. Cockran said that soon this government must speak on the Cuban question. Never before has so much power been vested in the executive. Will our president pronounce the word of doom or liberation? If he declares Cuba libre, that flag (pointing to the stars and stripes) "will be the symbol of liberty and progress to mankind."

Snap Shots.

Let us get more of our bad men out of politics.

Gen. Coxey's hobby-horse is the wildest animal in this country.

Minerva was the goddess who never talked too much.

Silence is sometimes an excellent means of self-defense.

You can have your opinion of other people if you will not give it away too freely.

Montana has spent a week pulling off another blizzard.

With the successful pickpocket life is merely a matter of touch and go.

The testimony in the Memphis forgery case seems to have made Defendant Ward quite sick.

Do right, and waste no sleep over the results.

The prison reformer should begin at the home.

Perhaps the former Detroit belle quit de Chimay because she found him a bogus prince.

An Irishman watching a game of base ball was sent to grass by a foul which struck him under the left rib. "A fowl was it? Begorra, I thought it was a mule."

"Oh, doctor, I have sent for you, though I confess that I have not the slightest faith in modern medical science."

"Oh, that doesn't matter. A mule has no faith in a veterinary surgeon, yet he gets cured all the same."

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Total Income	$48,597,430.51
Total paid policy-holders in 1895	$23,126,728.45
Insurance and annuities in force	$899,074,453.78
Net gain in 1895	$61,647,645.36

Statement of the Texas Business

INSURANCE IN FORCE.

	Dec. 31, 1894.	Dec. 31, 1895.	
Mutual Life	24,581,452	$28,546,932	Gain $3,965,480
N. Y. Life	26,768,971	24,555,317	Loss 2,213,654
Equitable	22,787,877	20,535,948	Loss 2,251,929

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Mutual Life	$3,433,196	$8,074,960	GAIN $4,641,764
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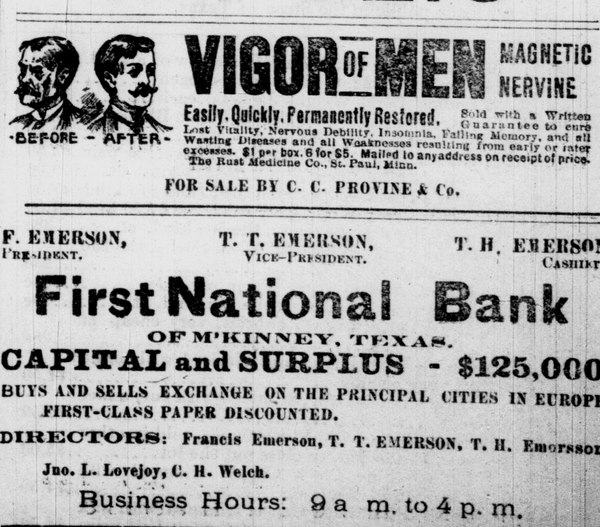
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